Gauge conversion between Hassan and Sravanabelagola

2872. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land acquisition process for gauge conversion work between Hassan and Sravanabelagola has been completed;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for the above work;

(c) the amount spent so far;

(d) the reasons for stopping the above work;

(e) by when the above work would be resumed; and

(0 the amount proposed to be spent during 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. However, this is a new line work and not a gauge conversion.

(b) and (0 An outlay of Rs. 15 cr. has been provided during 2001-02.

(c) An amount of Rs. 48.77 cr. has been spent on this project upto 31.3.2001.

(d) and (e) The work is in progress as per the availability of resources.

Rail facilities to students/sports persons

2873. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Railway authorities for convenience of students and sportsmen/players;

(b) whether it is a fact that the railway concession forms for sportsmen/ player and students are not available at all the Railway Ticket Computer Reservation counters;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when action would be taken to make available these facilities to the State?